



department of
Conservation and Recreation



ADVANCE NOTICE
CAPE COD RAIL TRAIL REHABILITATION
DENNIS TO BREWSTER
FALL 2005/SPRING 2006
AND
BREWSTER TO WELLFLEET
FALL 2006/SPRING 2007

Beginning September 12th 2005 to June of 2006, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be closing the Cape Cod Rail Trail from Route 134 in Dennis to Millstone Road in Brewster to reclaim and widen the asphalt; upgrade the equestrian shoulder; selectively remove invasive trees; install root barriers; improve parking lots and road intersections; and implement other landscape improvements along this 10-mile section noted on the back of this handout as Phase 1. During this closure period 12-miles of the trail from Nickerson State Park in Brewster to LeCount Hollow Road in Wellfleet will remain open.

In year two from after Labor Day 2006 to June of 2007, Phase 2 will be closed from Mitchell Lane in Brewster to LeCount Hollow Road in Wellfleet for similar trail improvements, including, a salt marsh culvert replacement and repair of the eroding embankment at Namskaket Creek at the Brewster/Orleans town line and improvement to the Route 6 bicycle tunnel in Eastham. It is expected that bike path improvements in Phase 1 from Dennis to Brewster will be complete and open to the public when Phase 2 is closed for construction.

With this phased approach to reconstruction the trail is expected to remain open during the peak summer months of July and August with only partial closings during the next two fall, winter and spring seasons.

Plans and specifications for the 22-mile trail from Dennis to Wellfleet have been advertised and construction is estimated to cost \$6,200,000. DCR is overseeing this rehabilitation project which represents a significant investment in the trail's future and in the safety and enjoyment of all that use it. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we seek to complete all the necessary work by June 2007.

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